

ABSTRACT

A water craft for survival or recreational purposes, comprises an inflatable elongate housing that provides a platform and has an internal supporting structure for rigidity and a fin^{or multitude of fins by} for stability and tracking purposes as the survivor paddles the water craft by arm motion. The craft is stowed in a compact pouch when not in use and inflated by compressed gases and/or a manual hand pump to sustain the requisite partial pressures of the inflatable water craft. A thermal protective covering with brightly colored pigmentation and retro-reflective and IR- reflective surfaces is provided to protect the survivor from the elements and enhance his visibility. A non-skid surface on the platform enables the survivor to lay on top of the water craft without slipping off. A bright orange colored elongate SEE/RESCUE (trademark) streamer is provided with the water craft for continuous passive emergency signaling purposes to enable search parties to locate the survivor. An attachable leg leash is provided to keep the water craft from separating from the survivor in rough seas and/or wind conditions. A compass is built into the craft to provide direction to the survivor's mobility. In addition to survivor applications, the water craft can be used for water recreational purposes, such as surfing and paddling.